

DEFINITIONS OF DOMESTIC PARTNERS – 2/19/03

“Dissolution of domestic partnership” shall occur when: (1) the employee-beneficiary no longer meets the requirements to qualify as a “domestic partner”; (2) one of the partners to the domestic partnership expressly informs the other of the end of their domestic partnership; (3) one of the partners to the domestic partnership takes actions inconsistent with the continued existence of the domestic partnership; or (4) the domestic partnership is otherwise terminated or dissolved.

“Domestic partner” shall mean a person in a spouse-like relationship with an employee-beneficiary who meets the following requirements: (1) the employee-beneficiary and the domestic partner intend to remain in a domestic partnership with each other indefinitely; (2) the employee-beneficiary and the domestic partner have a common residence and intend to reside together indefinitely; (3) the employee-beneficiary and the domestic partner are and agree to be jointly and severally responsible for each other’s basic living expenses incurred in the domestic partnership such as food, shelter and medical care; (4) neither the employee-beneficiary nor the domestic partner are married or a member of another domestic partnership; (5) the employee-beneficiary and the domestic partner are not related by blood in a way that would prevent them from being married to each other in the State of Hawaii; (6) the employee-beneficiary and the domestic partner are both at least 18 years of age and mentally competent to contract; (7) the consent of the employee-beneficiary or the domestic partner to the domestic partnership has not been obtained by force, duress or fraud; and (8) the employee-beneficiary and the domestic partner sign and file with the Fund a declaration of domestic partnership in such form as the board shall from time to time prescribe.

